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THURSDAY : DECEMBER 18.

Mr. Reed's death was as sudden as that of Mr. Blaine. It removed a man whose years of national usefulness had by no means ended. Had Thomas B. Reed lived, he might have again taken a great part in affairs.

Thomas Nast, whose death from yellow fever is reported from South America, was the man who introduced the American political cartoon. He was not the first to undertake it but he was the first to show its possibilities as a weapon of reform. His personal vogue went out when Keppler came into the field with Puck, but he retained the good will of his countrymen and died in office.

Hawaii will get no Chinese for its cane fields but an eminent negro publicist is here who suggests laborers of his own race. He says that 20,000 or 300,000 could be had. The probable attitude of the southern employers of labor is not mentioned but judging from the row they made over the Kansas exodus and over the attempt of Hawaii to import Tennessee negroes two or three years ago, it would prove hostile. The South does not like the negro but it wants to keep him at its work.

Great Britain and Germany are acting in Venezuela with a high hand. It is difficult to see how the collection of a debt would justify the sinking of Venezuelan gunboats which were making no resistance and which were needed by President Castro to suppress the revolutionary troubles that had made the immediate payment of the debt impossible. Quite likely the rebels will now become more active and thus increase Castro's difficulties. The report that the allies have invaded Venezuela in an effort to arrest the President increases the gravity of the situation without giving moral strength to the Anglo-German attitude as debt-collectors. It would seem to be enough, at the start, to seize and administer the customs. Destroying assets and arresting officials is quite another matter.

## HE WILL INVESTIGATE OUR LABOR CONDITIONS

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very sweeping. In my opinion if there is any change it will be in the direction of applying some form of restriction against Japanese, perhaps along lines in consonance with the qualifications which may be demanded in connection with immigrants from all other lands. The educational qualification is likely to be imposed and this will materially reduce the incoming laborers.

"My fight for more than a score of years against race distinctions caused me to take issue with Prof. Jenks over his recommendations that Chinese be permitted to enter the Philippines, and this perhaps was the cause of my selection for the mission upon which I have now entered. I made the point that there should be no distinction on purely race grounds, and I am now going to study the questions which have been raised.

"Even in the West there is the same demand for field labor which is felt here, but the politicians cannot turn in the face of the sentiment of the labor men as expressed in their stand. This was seen in Congress and I believe the success of the coal strike, in the recognition which was secured by the miners, will strengthen the force of their influence. The feeling seems to be that there must be no letting down of the bars raised against a labor element which can live more cheaply than the American workman, and judging from the signs of the times the fight will be along lines which will maintain the integrity of the laws rather than any loosening of their restrictions.

"The discontent among the negro laborers of the South was never greater. The recent constitutional amendments have caused much of this and the results have been most extraordinary. In three states, having six senators and twenty-one members of the House, there were cast only 100,000 votes while in the district which elected W. R. Hearst in New York there were 48,600 votes cast.

"I believe that from 20,000 to 300,000 negro laborers, not the vicious from the slums, but men who are workers all the time, could be secured to work in the fields of Hawaii and the Philippines and that they would prove the best kind of labor. The sugar industry of Cuba was built up by black labor as was St. Thomas, while other labor tried in the United States, as the Italians brought into Louisiana, was a failure.

"I shall make complete inquiry and have no fixed opinion on the subject of the conditions of labor here, but come to learn."

Mr. Fortune is editor of the N. Y. Age, president of the National Afro-American Council, of the Negro Business League, and is a co-worker of Booker T. Washington.

## Luther's Portrait Found.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—A hitherto unknown portrait of Martin Luther, painted by Lucas Cranach, the celebrated artist and burgomaster of Wittenburg, has been uncovered in the town church of Wittenburg. It is pronounced to be the best portrait of Martin Luther in existence.

## Mad Mullah Assassinated.

ADEN, Arabia, Dec. 11.—A rumor has reached here of the assassination of the Mad Mullah in Somaliland. The report was brought to the coast by a native runner from Carrero, via Berbera. The Mullah is said to have been killed by a spear thrust in the stomach inflicted while he was praying.

## REFINED SUGAR ON THE JUMP

SAN FRANCISCO, December 10.—Another big advance in the price of sugar yesterday made a total increase to the consumer of the refined product of 80 cents on the hundred pounds within a fortnight. Two weeks ago the rise of 20 cents a hundred was announced by the jobbers, and on December 4 the commodity jumped 40 cents without warning. Yesterday's advance of 20 cents bids fair to lead the way for further rises, as the San Francisco price on raw sugar is still a point below that ruling in New York.

Warning of the impending advance was received yesterday by Edward Pollitz from Logan & Bryan in a dispatch which prophesied 5-cent sugar in the immediate future. The prophecy was more than realized before night-fall, as many sales were recorded at 5½, with prospect of still higher rates to follow. As the price stands now it means an additional expenditure for the saccharine necessity of about \$4,000,000 on the Pacific Coast alone.

The stiffening of the sugar market was anticipated last summer when Licht, the German expert statistician, issued an estimate of a shortage in the beet-sugar crop next spring to about 1,200,000 tons, or over 10 per cent of the crop, which furnishes nearly 70 per cent of the world's supply. The sharpness of the rise when it came was due to the scramble of the principal operators to prepare for the higher prices which all knew were bound to come. The extent of the increase on refined sugar, however, only keeps pace with that on the raw product, which has gone up merely because of the European shortage.

During the past year the price of sugar has been abnormally low, even allowing for the influence of heavy crops. But now that the governments of Europe have agreed simultaneously to remove the bounty on beet sugar a large proportion of the farmers across the water will devote their best land to raising potatoes, which are in demand for the manufacture of alcohol.

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## JAPS AVERSE TO BARRETT


WASHINGTON, December 9.—Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese minister, called on Secretary Hay at the State Department today and asked many interesting questions about John Barrett, whom it was officially announced would be appointed minister to Japan. Minister Takahira was the soul of politeness. His questions, nevertheless, regarding Barrett's age, diplomatic experience, prominence in American politics etc., were such as to convey to Secretary Hay in the most delicate manner imaginable that Japan would much prefer the appointment of some other man. Minister Takahira did not go to the extent of making a protest and gave Secretary Hay to understand that if Barrett were appointed his government would make no objection. But the hint was sufficient.

WASHINGTON, December 4.—At the State Department it is stated that Minister Takahira of Japan was expressly asked if his government would object to John Barrett if he were appointed Minister, and that Takahira replied that the Government would receive Barrett cordially. If Barrett accepts the appointment it is practically certain that the President will stick to his original purpose and appoint him. Senator Bard said tonight he would see the President in the interest of Dr. Rowell of Fresno, if Barrett is not appointed.

## DEATH OF THOS. B. REED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Thomas Brackett Reed, former speaker of the House of Representatives and for many years prominent in public life, died here tonight at 12:10 o'clock in his apartments in the Arlington Hotel. The immediate cause of death was uraemia.

A change for the worse was noted in Mr. Reed's condition early this morning. At 9:30 o'clock he was given a subcutaneous saline transfusion, in order to stimulate his kidneys, which were failing to perform their proper functions. At 5 o'clock this afternoon a saline solution was again administered, about three quarts of fluid being used. The heart became weaker and weaker, but the patient retained consciousness until 11 o'clock tonight, when a complete coma came on. He passed away without pain.



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action taken is likely to do more harm than good, since \$150,000,000 of German capital is invested in Venezuela. The United States must feel secret satisfaction at seeing Germany ruin its dominating position in Venezuelan commerce and finance, and must hope to supplant German by American financial influences."

### PREPARING TO RESIST.

LA GUAYRA, Venezuela, Dec. 10.—The British cruiser Indefatigable arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening from Guanta, the port of Barcelona, where she is believed to have been in search of the Venezuelan gunboat Restador.

The German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Retribution left here at 6 o'clock this evening. It is supposed they have on board Venezuela's answer to the demand of the foreign powers, which arrived from Caracas on a special train at 2 o'clock.

The German charge d'affaires, Herr von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, and British Minister Haggard, and the personnel of the British Legation, are still on board the warships.

What is termed an inopportune demonstration and the strange method resorted to in the remittance to the Venezuelan Foreign Minister of the demands of Great Britain and Germany are freely criticised here.

The government has sent 2000 men and eighteen guns from Caracas, to reinforce the garrison at La Guayra. These troops are camping tonight at Cuacacuti, distant one hour from La Guayra. All day and all night ammunition has been carried to Fort Lavigia, which crowns the harbor and preparations are being made to resist the foreign forces.

Volunteers to the number of 926 men, all from La Guayra, have been armed today and more are requesting arms. It is asserted here that the government can find sufficient men to resist the foreign forces as the movement is popular. Everywhere one meets men of all classes and conditions carrying Mauser rifles.

The news of the capture at Port of Spain, Trinidad, of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar, by the British cruiser Charybdis, was communicated to President Castro by a representative of the Associated Press. The event created intense excitement.

LA GUAYRA, Dec. 11.—All the British and German subjects arrested yesterday were released this afternoon.

### SCHEME FOR ARBITRATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A joint resolution was offered in the House today by Mr. Shafroth of Colorado authorizing the President to propose to Great Britain and Germany to submit their claims against Venezuela to arbitration, and to guarantee the payment of the awards that may be found.

### MORE SHIPS CAPTURED.

KINGSTOWN, Island of St. Vincent, Dec. 11.—The Venezuelan troop-ship Zamora and the coast guard vessel Veinte Tres de Mayo were captured in the Gulf of Paria and taken to Port of Spain, Trinidad, this morning by the British sloop of war Alert.

W. C. T. U. members at Sacramento passed a resolution that the serving of wine at Gov. Pardee's inaugural banquet meets with their unqualified disapproval and condemnation.

### AFTER EQUINOX

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